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1. The following fortifications and installations were observed in the western part of the Island of Korcula:
  - a. The headquarters of the military command is allegedly in a two-story building adjacent to the school located at Vela Luka. A detachment of some one hundred members of the marine infantry are billeted in the command headquarters.
  - b. The zone extending from the narrowest point of the Privala area, known as Meje, to the tip of the cape, has been declared a military area and closed to civilian traffic. Ships are not allowed to approach points closer than one mile offshore. The labor force engaged in the construction of defenses in this area, approximately 2,000 strong, consists entirely of Army personnel. The men are on both day and night shifts, and are billeted in frame huts which have been erected in Privala Inlet. The majority of these soldiers have allegedly been transferred here from Raznjic, where fortifications have already been completed. All construction equipment, including pneumatic drills, compressors and stone-crushers, were also reportedly transported to the Privala area from Raznjic.
  - c. Immediately below the frame huts in the Privala Inlet are two coastal defense guns set in stone emplacements.
  - d. Approximately twenty bunkers are in the process of construction on Privala plateau. When completed, guns will be able to be fired from the embrasures toward both north and south. Five other bunkers have already been completed. Two tunnels are being excavated under the Privala plateau, both on the eastern and western ends of the plateau.
  - e. The entire area between Meje and the entrance to the cape has been completely cleared of trees but for a few which have been retained at the extreme tip of the cape for the purpose of screening defenses under construction.
  - f. The sum of 500 million dinars has allegedly been appropriated for the construction of a road linking Cape Privala with Vela Luka. Work on this road will reportedly be initiated in the very near future.

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- g. Captain Drago Oreb is reportedly artillery commander on Cape Privala.
2. The following installations and defenses were observed on the western part of Korcula Island:
- a. Large-scale construction of defenses was in progress on Cape Raznjic during all of 1950 and the early part of 1951. Construction work in Raznjic appears to have ceased. Labor units and technical equipment have been transported to Privala. Eight large bunkers are visible from the water near the tip of Cape Raznjic, despite the fact that these defenses are screened by branches.
  - b. There is reportedly a fairly large unspecified garrison on Cape Raznjic.
3. The headquarters of an unspecified military command is allegedly in the town of Korcula, close to the coast. The staff reportedly comprises approximately 100 naval officers.
4. The Korcula military command has reportedly ordered the entire civilian population to be evacuated from the island.

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